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#### DEMOCRATIC NOMINEES.

FOR ALDERMEN— M. M. Shepherd, J. Mack Rhodes, J. W. Bailey.

#### THE TIME AT HAND.

The democrats of Hendersonville never before had a better chance in placing the responsibility of the city's affairs in their own party's hand than they have in the coming election for better city government.

With only a very few discontented members and with the opposing party, reported badly split the democrats of this city the county over, is on the verge to bring about a change in the administration.

Hendersonville, the beautiful little city, so often spoken about the county over, is on the verge of a wonderful change. Prosperity is fast approaching along with everything that is for the good of the community, bringing to bear the utmost importance that the town should have officials thoroughly capable of managing the affairs in accordance with the time.

It is to be a democratic victory and with every loyal voter who stands for the high moral issues and wants good city government there should be a working spirit with in him which will bring to the polls on election day men who will endeavor to carry the ticket to victory.

#### SIMMONS FOR PRIMARY.

That United States Senator F. M. Simmons believes in a rule of the masses is clearly shown by the open position he takes upon the question of selecting candidates for this great office by a direct vote of the people. Referring to the proposition of nominating a Senator by the primary method this newspaper said in a recent issue:

"The News and Observer's suggestion that a primary, for the nomination of a candidate for United States Senator, be held at the same time and place as the general election in November, 1912, is a good one. This method is not only democratic, but would relieve the party of an embarrassing situation with two or three aspirants for Senator in the field. Senator Simmons does not object on the primary plan and why any of his friends should oppose it, passes our understanding. In the only Senatorial primary ever held in North Carolina Mr. Simmons won over one of the State's best and noblest sons, by a very decisive majority and it would not seem that he has anything to fear at the hands of the people."

That we stated the position of our senior Senator correctly is evinced, unmistakably, by the following interview given to Washington correspondents of the State papers on Friday:

Washington, D. C., April 14.—Replying to an inquiry as to his position with reference to a senatorial primary, Senator Simmons said today: "I have no hesitancy in saying that in my opinion a primary would be greatly to my advantage."

"The first time I was nominated for

the Senate I was nominated by a primary ordered by the State convention with my hearty consent and approval. I honestly hope when the next Democratic State Convention meets it will see its way clear to order a state wide primary for the nomination of a candidate for U. S. Senator.

"I assume that the convention will settle this question in accordance with its views as to what will be for the best interest of the party and the people, and not because either my opponents or myself think it will be to our advantage. I repeat that I hope the convention will call a primary, and it is my opinion that the interest of the party will be subserved thereby."

This emphatic statement of Senator Simmons completely refutes the suggestions made by advocates of the State-wide primary bill, during the pendency of the measure before the recent General Assembly, implicating Mr. Simmons in the fight against it. At that very time the Senator was advocating a resolution in congress providing for the election of United States Senators by direct vote of the people, and he cannot, in fairness, be held responsible for the position taken by some of his friends in the Legislature, who opposed the primary bill of their own volition. It was a sweeping measure, involving nominations of all candidates of both parties) from Senator down and many members questioned the wisdom of enacting such a law at this time, in the absence of any pronounced sentiment favorable thereto upon the part of the people. But Senator Simmons did not interfere in the fight, either one way or the other.

In the interview quoted above Senator Simmons shows a perfect willingness to risk his political fortunes in the hands of the democratic people of North Carolina. And he is eternally right in assuming "that the convention will settle this question in accordance with its views as to what will be for the best interest of the party and the people." and not because he or his opponents may think such a course would be to their advantage. The interests of the party should be the first consideration in selecting candidates for any office and Senator Simmons strikes a responsive cord in setting forth his willingness to submit to the arbitrament of the party convention.

Senator Simmons evidently has no idea of "getting away from the people who made him Senator in a popular primary eleven years ago by nearly 50,000 majority. He keeps an ear to the ground and usually strikes at an opportune time. We believe with him that the best interest of the party will be subserved by a senatorial primary and hope the state convention next year will reach a similar conclusion.

#### RELIEF TO FARMERS TOO.

The Hustler, in common with predominant sentiment in the State at the time, thought that Senator Simmons, and a few other Democrats who took a like view with him at the regular session, had made a serious mistake in opposing the ratification of the Canadian reciprocity treaty at the regular session of Congress. In the light of present and prospective developments, however, it rather appears that in consequence of their opposition to the ratification at the regular session, the country is to get the benefit of some real and substantial relief from protective burdens. At best, there is but little relief from protective burdens in the reciprocity treaty, and none upon manufactured products. Such reductions as are made in that treaty are rather in the interest of the manufacturer than of the consumer. By defeating this treaty at the regular session, and throwing it over into the present extra session of the new Congress, with its Democratic House and increased democratic strength in the Senate, it now appears quite certain that not only will the treaty be ratified, but that it will be followed with a companion measure that will give substantial

relief to the farmers and consumers of the country on manufactured products. In this companion measure plows, harvesters, boots and shoes, salt, harness, wagons, sewing machines and food products are put on the free list, also. This begins to look like doing something of real benefit to the whole country, and it is but fair to say that this remedies the very view of the matter upon which the treaty was opposed at the regular session—that the treaty only opened up free trade with Canada on raw materials, and that to be a fair measure it should contain manufactured articles as well as raw materials.

The city election to be held on Tuesday, May 2, will be important to this municipality and all good citizens ought to take a hand. Every man who has a vote has as much as any other man to do with electing a mayor and aldermen, and providing his city a government. All voters are equal shareholders in the mammoth corporation known as Hendersonville and all are morally bound to place that corporation in the hands of those most capable of satisfactory management. To make sure of a good progressive administration, vote for C. E. Brooks to be the next mayor and M. M. Shepherd, J. Mack Rhodes and J. W. Bailey for aldermen. No mistake about that.

Says the Williamston Enterpriser:

"The man who wants Locke Craig elected to the Senate is a little late. Has not Craig from Buncombe been already chosen to be the next governor of North Carolina? We thought that matter was settled, all but the counting of ballots at the polls."

This hits it off nicely and meets with our "approbation" exactly. Mr. Craig may be a United States Senator sometime, but not any ways soon, if ever. Mr. Craig's friends have only the desire to make him Governor next year and in this they are fully determined. The man who runs against him is going to realize that he has struck a buzz-saw, too. Mr. Craig's friends have long since declared him a candidate for Governor and they mean business. The candidates for United States Senator will have to take care of themselves.

What does it matter whether the republicans are pleased with the way democrats are doing things at Washington, or not? things at Washington, or not? And what difference does it make whether they approve what the democrats did in Raleigh the past winter? Why is a republican, anyway?

Some other reason for misplacing a competent official other than the all too common plea that some other fellow needs, or wants, the job. The people should prefer capable officials, in important positions to cheap politicians. Vote for no man who has not made a success of his own business.

Governor Woodrow Wilson, of New Jersey, is looming large in the public eye as a presidential possibility. He may give Governor Harmon a "run for the money." Harmon and Wilson would make a strong team, if the question of which name should head the ticket could be reached by untal agreement. Either one would "fill the bill" all right.

Hon. John Sharp Williams of Mississippi, who served for eight successive terms in the lower house of congress, now occupies the seat formerly filled by Jefferson Davis, before the war, in the United States Senate. It is said the occupancy of this seat is the realization of a life-time ambition and that Senator Williams is visibly pleased.

Those who have been surmising that Senator Simmons is afraid of the people have another guess com

ing. He wants a senatorial primary and says the interests of the democrats would be subserved by that method of selecting a candidate for United States Senator. And he is right.

The man who is continually engaged in an effort to bring about conditions which he thinks will advance his own selfish ambition should not be trusted. Shun him every time.

#### TO CHINAMAN'S RESCUE.

Wilmington To Help Retain Lem Thung As An American Citizen Despite His Mistakes.

(News and Observer.)

Prominent citizens of Wilmington are showing deep concern in keeping as an American citizen Lem Thung, sometimes called Sam Lee or Clung Lee. He is worth from \$4,000 to \$10,000 in Wilmington, is understood to have about \$2,000 invested in New York, also \$4,000 to \$5,000 in China.

Information as to a "mix up" in which the wealthy Chinaman has gotten into with the emigration officials at Boston has been furnished Commissioner of Labor and Printing M. L. Shipman by Mr. W. B. Cooper, president of the American National Bank of Wilmington, in which, Lem Thung is a stockholder, and Mr. Shipman's services requested in aiding in straightening out affairs.

In his letter Mr. Cooper states that Lem Thung visited China about two years ago, taking with him his sick brother, who it was reported died in China. Later when Lem Thung returned admission by the local authorities at Boston, but after quite an effort his Wilmington friends succeeded in getting him admitted temporarily till the first of May. Now they want to arrange to have him stay permanently. The trouble is that the Chinaman signed some paper that was presented him when he left the country, making in it an erroneous statement, as he lived in Wilmington and his business interests were in New York, while the law says that he shall be with his business. It is not believed that the Chinaman meant to make any false statement, but by it he has gotten into trouble with the Department of Commerce and Labor, and put in jeopardy his citizenship in America. Mr. Cooper stated that he had explained the matter to Gov. Kitchen who had written in the Chinaman's behalf as had a number of leading Wilmington citizens, and that he and others from Wilmington hoped to be in Washington Monday next to see Hon. B. S. Cable, assistant secretary of Commerce and Labor with Senators Simmons and Overman if they are in Washington and desired a letter from Mr. Shipman. In reply to this Mr. Shipman wrote a strong letter to the Department at Washington, asking careful consideration of the matter, and requesting that the Department accede to the wishes of the Wilmington committee, that it appeared that the Chinaman was only guilty of an unintentional error.

#### In Memory of Mrs. J. S. Summey.

After a lingering illness, Mrs. J. S. Summey died at her home on April 3rd. She was Miss Narsissus Shenhed, and was married to Mr. J. S. Summey, a confederate soldier in 1865. To them was born seven children, four sons and three daughters: among whom are James, John, Joseph and Abner Summey, and Mrs. Susan Leslie, Mrs. Ellen Waddell and Mrs. Lillie McCrary, and an aged husband survive her.

Mrs. Summey was 73 years old when death came and summonsed her to a better land. She was a Christian woman and performed her duties faithfully in every respect, and was beloved by all who knew her. She was a member of Pleasant Hill Baptist church, and died with that christian faith that leaves us the assurance that she has gone to dwell with the angels in that bright celestial city where sorrow, pain, nor death can never come, and sing God's praises throughout eternity. And we all hope to join her some bright day. Her separation from us is indeed sad but God's will be done and not ours, as He knows best for us all. It is our desire to express our deep sympathy for the bereaved family and aged husband.

At the entrance of the harbor She hears the singing of the blest, Safe at home in the arms of Jesus, Perfect rest forever more.

A FRIEND

#### Mrs. Osborne Passes Away

(Contributed)

Died: on April 12, 1911, at her home near Horse Shoe, N. C., Mrs. Carrie Dickey Osborne, wife of J. Taylor Osborne.

She leaves four children, John D. Osborne and Mrs. Thomas Bird, of Horse Shoe, N. C., and Mrs. Lee Allison and Mrs. A. P. Sifton, of Sparanburg, S. C.

A devoted wife and mother—a warm and faithful friend, and an earnest christian, her loss will be deeply felt in her home, the community and the church.

Ochlaubra Lodge No. 161 I. O. O. F. assisted by the Wanteska Rebekah Lodge No. 57 will celebrate the 2nd anniversary Wednesday evening, April 26th, at the hall, Main street. All members of Subordinate and Rebekah Lodge are requested to be present. Dr. W. M. Vines, of Asheville will be one of the speakers of the meeting.

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